



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 59/U/5

In the Matter of South End Green,
Camden, Greater London.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as South End Green, Camden, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.27 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Greater London Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Council of the London Borough of Camden claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Watergate House, WC2N 6LB on 10th May 1973.

At the hearing Mr. D.J. Hawkins, solicitor, appeared for the Council of the London Borough of Camden. Mr. F.J. Cooke, the legal executive in charge of the Council's terrier, produced minute books of the Vestry of St. John, Hampstead and other documents from which it appears that on 5th March 1874 a copyhold estate in the land in question was granted by the Court Leet to Henry Milton, one of the churchwardens, on behalf of the Vestry and that on 17th September 1874 this was enfranchised with the consent of the Copyhold Commissioners under the Copyhold Act 1852. The property of the Vestry was transferred to the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Hampstead by the London Government Act 1899 and from the Metropolitan Borough Council to the London Borough Council by the London Government Act 1963.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Council of the London Borough of Camden is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Greater London Council, as registration authority, to register the Council of the London Borough of Camden as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 11th day of June 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner